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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Bone

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of "Millie the Calf".

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of "Millie the Calf"; and

WHEREAS, Millie was the first calf cloned from an adult Jersey cow in the United States and only the third bovine clone in the country generated from adult somatic cells; and

WHEREAS, Millie's real name was "Millennium," because she represented a major step towards the future in scientific research and possibilities; and

WHEREAS, Millie was born on August 23, 2000 at the University of Tennessee Agriculture Experiment Station in Knoxville, weighing 62 pounds, through her donor and genetic twin named Teresa, a 1,250-pound champion milk producer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neal Schrick and Dr. Lanette Edwards were Millie's proud parents, serving as both her guardians and project experts; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, Millie traveled to the Tennessee General Assembly, illustrating to legislators and hundreds of onlookers the outstanding accomplishments of the research community in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Millie was accompanied by her companion calf, "Buddy," to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, She became the star of the Legislative Plaza that week through her beauty, spunk, and her patience with all those who surrounded her outside the Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Millie's visit was deemed the most newsworthy event in the state of Tennessee on March 6 by *USA Today* newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Millie quietly withstood hours of time in her pen that morning, and impressed lawmakers and the House Agriculture Committee by being the only such calf carried to term out of 95 embryos; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature and the scientific community were saddened to hear of Millie's sudden death on June 4, 2001, after she had been taken out to pasture to spend time with her fellow animals; and

WHEREAS, Millie helped further the development and research of cloning, and her life will likely lead to breakthrough advancements in technology in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives would like to specially honor Millie, her parents and the UT researchers who made her life and accomplishments possible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of "Millie the Calf," reflecting fondly upon her contributions to agriculture in this great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.